

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 28-35 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner also indicated that claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As claim 21 is dependent only on claim 19, Applicant has added the limitations of claim 21 to claim 19 and has canceled claim 21. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19, as currently amended, is allowable in accordance with the Examiner's comments. Dependent claims 20 and 22-27 would, therefore, also be allowable.

In the Claims:

Claims 19, 20, and 22-36 remain pending in the present application. Claim 21 has been canceled. Claims 1-18 were previously withdrawn in light of a restriction requirement.

Rejection of Claim 36 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 36 was inadvertently written to depend from claim 23. Claim 36 has been amended to properly depend from claim 35. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's § 112 rejection can be properly withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has amended claim 19 to recite allowable subject matter by inserting the limitations of claim 21 therein. Claim 20 has been amended only to correct a typographical error. Claim 21 has been canceled.

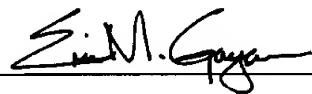
Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and entry of the present amendment and allowance of the application as amended is earnestly requested. If, however, the Examiner maintains his rejection, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested as reducing the number of issues and placing this application in better condition for appeal.

Telephone inquiry to the undersigned in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the present application is respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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